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**PATENT  
CASE NO. 56/351**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application:

Robert Wasthuber et al.

Serial No.: 09/884,858

Filed: June 18, 2001

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR  
SERIAL DATA TRANSMISSION  
BETWEEN A POSITION  
MEASURING SYSTEM AND  
A PROCESSING UNIT

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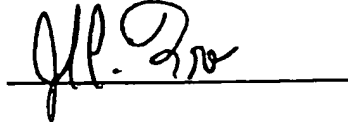
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On June 18, 2001 Applicants filed the above-mentioned patent application. To date, Applicants have not received any action on the merits regarding the above-identified application. Accordingly, Applicant request that the status of the above-identified application be given including

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Respectfully submitted,

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Date

September 13, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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